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Jennifer H. Boyt
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4643 - Democratic Party of New Mexico

Dear Ms. Boyt:

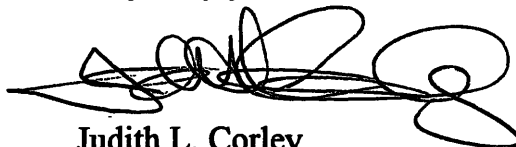
We received the amendment to the above-referenced Matter Under Review on November 10, 1997.

We would like to request a brief extension of 20 days to respond to the allegations made in it. This additional time is necessary to gather the information and coordinate the response with the Party in New Mexico. Because of staff changes since the election, this process is taking longer than originally anticipated.

The response originally would have been due on November 25. With the 20 day extension, the response will be due on December 15.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Judith L. Corley
Counsel to Respondent

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